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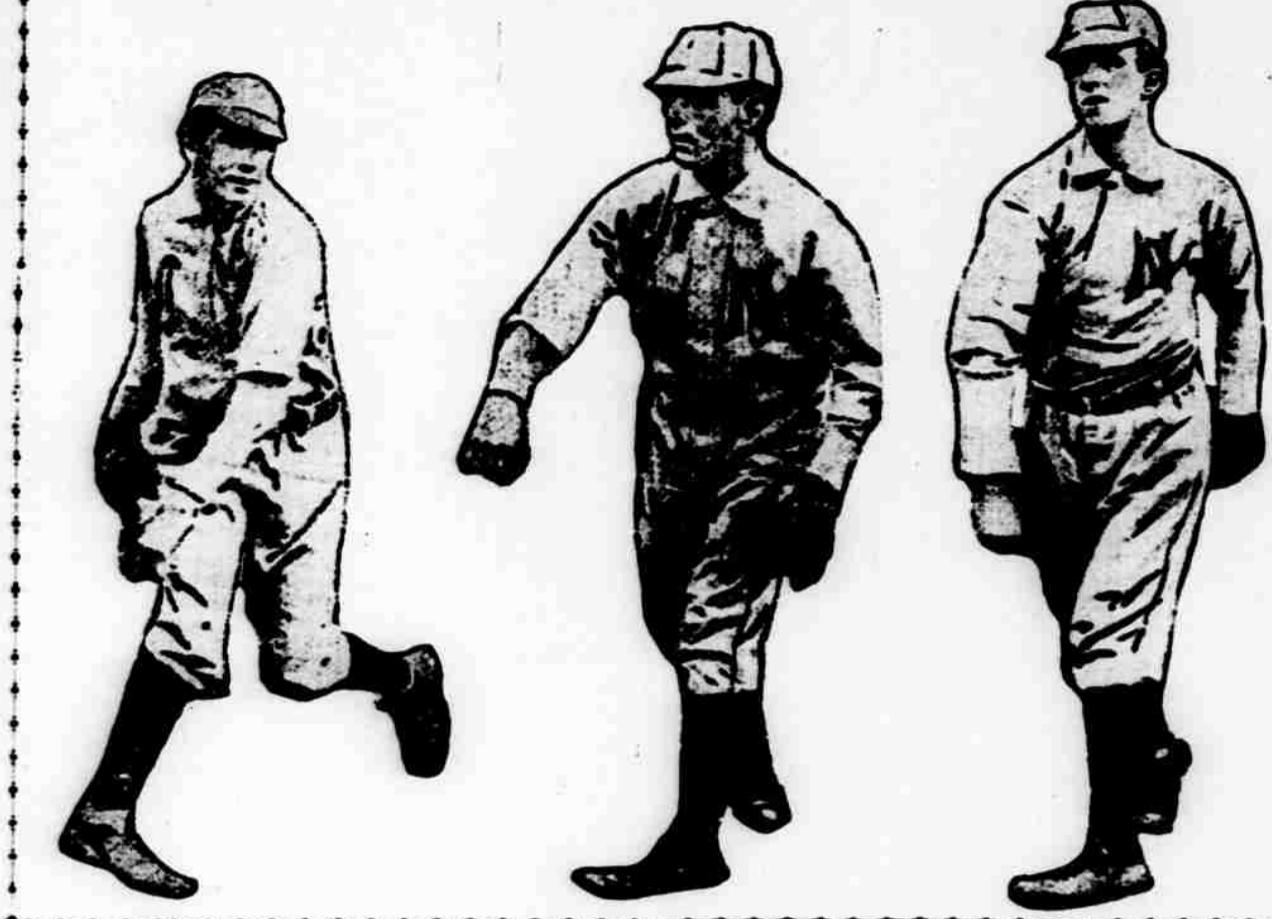
Thomas Withdraws Car  
From Gordon-Bennett and  
Vanderbilt Cup Race.

## BASEBALL

Koehler Leads Browns  
in Batting With  
Percentage of .333.

## ATHLETICS

M. A. C. Expects to Do  
Much in W. A. A. U.  
Meet at Kansas City.

EASTERN DIVISION CLUBS OF AMERICAN  
LEAGUE NOT FASTER THAN TEAMS OF WEST

"SCHIEF" BENDER  
of the Athletics, Connie Mack's great Indians, withdrew from the Browns last week. The "chief" is the only red man in the big league who has had a bad record this year, and he is a good pitcher and an able fielder and is a tower of strength to the Athletics.

MANAGER CAPT. CLARKE GRIFFITH, of the Highlanders, sees no new players in the professional game who can better baseball judgment than "Giff." By using his brains in directing his team he has made them one of the most formidable clubs in the league. In his last game, which was a loss, Griff sustained a severe loss when Chester's illness caused the big pitcher to return home.

PITCHER HILLY HOGG, of the Highlanders, Griffith predicts, is brilliant, but he is young and a twister. Hogg was taken out of the box in two games here, but at no time of the game was he being hit very hard. His form is excellent, and his delivery is good. Hogg sustained a severe loss when Chester's illness caused the big pitcher to return home.

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sents a Formidable Appearance  
and With His Excellent Pitching  
Staff in Form the Shrewd  
Manager Should Make a Dan-  
gerous Bid for the Flag—Grif-  
fith Has Scrappy Players, but Is  
Handicapped by the Ill Form of  
His Pitchers.

The first Eastern club to meet the Western division here is expected in meeting the needs to an appreciable extent. On the contrary, the Browns have taken over every inch of the way, taking one of the three games from Connie Mack's powerful aggregation and two of the four from the crew from the metropolis headed by Connie Mack.

The Browns-Baltimore series were 2-1-10-10. The Highlanders took two wins, one of which went to the Eastern boys by good luck. The scores were: Brosius-Highlanders, 12; pad, 10; 62. If anything the latter scores show up favorably for the Browns.

Both Griffith and Mack have a team party composed of veterans who are able to balance the aggression and make it really aggressive without being erratic. Mack seems to have the better crew. There is hardly a weak spot in the lineup, and with three good catchers in Pfeffer, Schreck and Hartman, and what probably is as good a pitching staff as any club in the major leagues in Waddell, Bender, Henley, Plank and Conroy, Mack should dangerously near the contender for the flag.

Davis at first is a tower of strength to any team. He plays his position faster in this league than ever before, and leads the first basemen of the league. In fact, it is rather unusual to see how many members of Mack's flock are at the top of the percentage tables or close to it.

In Jack Knight, the Philadelphia High School youngster, who has played football in fall on his school eleven, there is little excuse for such conclusions. If results talk, the score board tells the tale. Sixteen runs were made by the Browns and only eight by the Highlanders in the last series.

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